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1. Planned 1953 investments for the East German Ministry of Mining and Smelting have been reduced to a total of 616 million DM. At Eisenwerke West, Gelsenkirchen, only ten low shaft furnaces are to be constructed. At Eisenhuettenkombinat Stalinstadt (EKS) only five furnaces will be built; the sixth furnace, which was originally to be completed in 1953, will not be finished until 1954. The Thomas steel mill, the Siemens-Berlin steel mill, and the rolling mill at EKS will not be constructed either in 1953 or in 1954; these installations were originally to have been constructed in 1953.
2. Investment requirements of the Ministry for 1954 amount to 1,600 million DM. The State Planning Commission has approved investments amounting to 1,100 million DM. As a result of the new East German plan, the planned sum will be reduced 120 to 200 million DM. Exact final figures have not yet been determined. Total production of the Ministry in 1953 will be about thirty percent less than planned.

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3. Comment: Formerly known as Eisenhuettenkombinat Ost (EKO), Pierstenberg/Oder.

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